

**COMBINATIONS OF PEROXISOME PROLIFERATOR-ACTIVATED RECEPTOR  
(PPAR) ACTIVATOR(S) AND STEROL ABSORPTION INHIBITOR(S) AND  
TREATMENTS FOR VASCULAR INDICATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides compositions, therapeutic combinations and methods including: (a) at least one peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor  
10 activator; and (b) at least one substituted azetidinone or substituted  $\beta$ -lactam sterol  
absorption inhibitor which can be useful for treating vascular conditions, diabetes,  
obesity and lowering plasma levels of sterols.